I will explain the matter. The Tharavad of Nairuveettil owned a temple, and attached to that temple there is a tank which was used as the temple tank. When they partitioned they partitioned the tank also. The shares have been purchased by certain individuals. One Sir C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar and others purchased the shares. There are two owners now. The question is now between the owner of a private tank and certain people who used to take bath there. Government have nothing to do with it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and pleased to say whether it is not a fact that that tank was constructed by Madassery people?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*) : It was constructed by Madassery people.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : How did it happen to go to others' hands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*) : Probably by assignment. I cannot hazard a guess. The exact manner in which it came into others' possession I do not know. May be a gift, or by assignment or anything like that.

AYYAPPANKULAM—VITHANASSERI (NEMMARA)—REPAIRS TO.

166. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there was any mass petition by the inhabitants of Vithanasseri (Nemmara) for the acquirement and repair of the only tank in the locality (Ayyappankulam) ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action was taken by the Government in the matter ;

(*c*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the Ayyappankulam is the only tank in the locality which has to serve the inhabitants for bathing and washing purposes ;

(*d*) is the Government aware that during the summer months the tank referred to in question (*c*) is almost dry and covered with weeds and other vegetation which breed mosquitoes and cause great annoyance and danger to the health of the inhabitants in the vicinity ;

(*e*) in the interests of the health and convenience of the people of Vithanasseri, will the Government be pleased to take immediate action to acquire the tank and repair it or otherwise arrange to keep it in a proper condition?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question was enquired into and had to be given up as it is not fair to spend public funds to repair a temple tank.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) During the summer months there will not be a good supply of water and the tank as it is cannot be said to be endangering the health of the inhabitants of the vicinity.

(*e*) The question of acquiring and improving this tank for the use of all castes or sinking a new one will be considered according to the availability of funds.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FUND—AMOUNT—COLLECTION OF.

167. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews-Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the total amount so far collected for the Anti-Tuberculosis Fund in our State;

(*b*) what steps they propose to take to fight Tuberculosis in Cochin State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):—

(*a*) Nothing has been collected so far by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

(*b*) Government have not yet decided on the steps to be taken.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Is it a fact that this committee was constituted just on the eve of election?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. Probably it was some time before the election. That is all what I can say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Most probably the hon'ble members had to take some part in the elections and naturally they had no time to collect some funds.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews-Nominated*): Is this the latest information?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Probably after this some amount might have been collected. I have no information in this matter. The Government have asked the Committee to expedite the matter and to collect as much as possible, because the matter has been pending for the last 3 months.

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